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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF LICENSES FROM CENTURYTEL, INC. TO ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

WT Dkt. No. 02-85

Pursuant to sections 4(i) and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 0.331 of the Commission's rules,² the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") approves the applications listed below requesting Commission consent to transfer control of certain broadband Personal Communications Service ("PCS"), Fixed Microwave Service, and Cellular Radiotelephone Service licenses and authorizations currently held by CenturyTel, Inc. and certain of its affiliates ("CenturyTel") to ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ACI"). No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the Public Notice announcing that the applications had been accepted for filing.⁴ The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfers of control will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.5

File Number	<u>Licensee</u>	Lead Call Sign
0000824599	Appleton Oshkosh Neenah MSA LP	KNKA425
0000824604	Cellular Mobile Systems of Michigan RSA # 7 LP	KNKQ319
0000824611 0000824623	Cellular North Michigan Network GP Celutel of Biloxi, Inc.	KNKN910 WLR226

¹ 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 310(d).

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.331.

³ ACI also will acquire minority limited partnership interests from CenturyTel in the following entities: ALLTEL Cellular Associates of Arkansas Limited Partnership, Dallas SMSA Limited Partnership, Detroit SMSA Limited Partnership, Eastern SUB-RSA Limited Partnership, GTE Mobilnet of Austin Limited Partnership, Madison SMSA Limited Partnership, Midwest Wireless Holdings, L.L.C., Milwaukee SMSA Limited Partnership, Thumb Cellular Limited Partnership, Washington RSA No. 8 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin No. 4 Limited Partnership, and Wisconsin No. 10 Limited Partnership.

⁴ See Alltel Communications, Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. Seek FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses, Public Notice, DA 02-932 (rel. Apr. 23, 2002).

⁵ See 47 U.S.C. § 310(d).

0000824636	Century Cellunet of Arkansas RSA #12 Cellular LP	WMN810
0000824665	Century Cellunet of La Crosse LP	KNKA734
0000824703	Century Cellunet of Michigan RSA #4 Inc.	WMS655
0000824703	Century Cellunet of Michigan RSA #6 Cellular LP	KNKQ302
0000824734	Century Cellunet of Mississippi RSA #2 Inc.	KNKN623
0000824089	Century Cellunet of Mississippi RSA #6 Inc.	KNKN559
0000824710		KNKN619
	Century Cellunet of Mississippi RSA #7 Inc.	
0000824589	Century Cellunet of North Arkansas Cellular LP	KNKN692
0000824433	Century Cellunet of North Louisiana Cellular LP	KNKN647
0000824453	Century Cellunet of Pine Bluff LLC	WLT912
0000824484	Century Cellunet of Saginaw MSA LP	KNKA417
0000824504	Century Cellunet of Southern Michigan Cellular LP	KNKN915
0000824526	Century Cellunet of Southwest Arkansas Cellular LP	KNKN735
0000824376^6	CenturyTel Telelink, Inc.	WLT654
0000824544	CenturyTel Wireless of Alexandria, LLC	KNKA588
0000824563	CenturyTel Wireless of Michigan RSA #1&2, Inc.	KNKQ320
0000824442	CenturyTel Wireless of Mississippi RSA #5, LLC	KNKQ448
0000824470	CenturyTel Wireless of North Louisiana, LLC	KNKN688
0000824502	Eau Claire Cellular Telephone LP	KNKA673
0000824531	Jackson Cellular Telephone Company, Inc.	WLV671
0000824558	Michigan RSA #9 LP	KNKQ303
0000824597	MVI Corp.	KNLG984
0000824593	Pascagoula Cellular Partnership	KNKA802
0000824616	Wisconsin RSA #1 LP	KNKN507
0000824628	Wisconsin RSA #2 LP	KNKN485
0000855980	Wisconsin RSA 3 Limited Partnership	KNKN360
0000824637	Wisconsin RSA #6 LP	KNKN541
0000824596	Wisconsin RSA #7 LP	WLW454
0000824590	Wisconsin RSA #8 LP	KNKN459
0000024003	WISCONSIII KSA #0 LI	IXIVIXIV I JJ

Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules,⁷ the consent granted herein is effective upon release of this Public Notice. By this approval, the parties are authorized to consummate the transaction described in their applications.⁸ Pursuant to sections 1.106(f) and 1.115(a) of the Commission's rules,⁹ petitions for reconsideration and applications for review may be filed within thirty days of the release of this Public Notice.

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⁶ File No. 0000824376 was designated as the lead application for this transaction.

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.103.

⁸ Section 1.948(d) of the Commission's rules provides that "the transaction must be consummated and notification provided to the Commission within 180 days of public notice of approval, and notification of consummation must occur no later than 30 days after actual consummation." *Id.* § 1.948(d).

⁹ *Id.* §§ 1.106(f), 1.115(a).